

Appl. No. 09/663,892
Amdt. dated March 11, 2005
Reply to final office action of January 12, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the final office action mailed on January 12, 2005. The final office action rejected Applicant's Claims 11-15 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,314,409 ("Schneck"). The final office action rejected Claims 1-10 as obvious in view of the combination of Schneck and U.S. Pat. No. 5,412,718 ("Narasimhalu"). The final office action allowed Claims 16-39.

With this response, Claims 1-10 and 14-15 have been canceled. Although the Applicant does not believe that these claims are anticipated or obvious in view of the cited prior art, Applicant has canceled them in order to further prosecution at this time and reserves the right to pursue them in a continuation application.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider independent Claims 11 and dependent Claims 12-13 of the present application in view of the following remarks. Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims 16-39

Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of Claims 16-39.

Independent Claim 11

Applicant's independent Claim 11 relates to a method of securely conveying data. Claim 11 recites "computing a first checksum of the set of authorization parameters" and "encrypting a combination of the first cryptographic key and the first checksum, so as to produce a header value." Although Schneck discloses a system for controlling access to data, Schneck does not anticipate Claim 11 because Schneck fails to disclose or suggest above-identified claim elements.

Briefly, the Schneck system includes an authoring mechanism that selects the elements of the data to encrypt, the cryptographic algorithms, and the access rules. The authoring mechanism selects a data-encrypting key and encrypts the data-encrypting key with a rule-encrypting key. The encrypted data-encrypting key is then stored in the encrypted ancillary information of the packaged data. (*see*, Schneck: column 12, lines 4-38). Next, the other elements of the data are processed and encrypted using the data-

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encrypting key including the ancillary information and body part of the data. The access rules are encrypted with a rule-encryption key and stored in the encrypted rules part of the data package. (*see*, Schneck: column 13, lines 11-16, 25-29, 34-39).

Although Schneck discloses access rules and encryption procedures, Schneck fails to disclose computing a first checksum of the set of authorization parameters. Schneck merely discloses developing access rules that determine whether and how a user may access the data and ancillary data that identifying the packaged data. Although Schneck discloses encrypting the access rules, Schneck completely fails to disclose or suggest computing a first checksum. Moreover, Schneck fails to disclose or suggest providing a header value from encrypting a combination of the first cryptographic key and the first checksum. Rather, Schneck teaches away from the claim element by encrypting the key and access rules separately.

For at least the above reasons, Claim 11 is not anticipated by Schneck. Thus, independent Claim 11 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 12-13

Applicant's Claims 12-13 are dependent claims that distinguish the cited references for at least the same reasons explained above in conjunction with their independent base claims. In addition, these claims recite further features and claim elements that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references.

Fourth Information Disclosure Statement

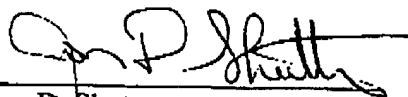
Applicant filed a fourth information disclosure statement on August 17, 2004. A courtesy copy is attached for convenience.

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Conclusions

Applicant submits that all the pending claims in the present application are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. If any issues remain in the present application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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